

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #1
PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP
December 26th, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #1 was called to order at 7:35 pm. Commissioner’s Berry, Masker Eisenberg, Ferdinandi and Jamieson were in attendance. Secretary Eisenberg read the minutes of the November meeting which was approved by Ferdinandi and seconded by Jamieson. All five voted in favor of accepting them as read.

Treasurers Report: Bills were paid in the amount of \$60,136.56. Jim reported that a \$30,000 check was sent to the architect for continued work on the building. \$1800 was received from EMS for 3rd and 4th quarter rent. The local finance board wanted an amendment to the 2019 Budget. A resolution to amend certain line items in the 2019 Budget introduced on November 24th, 2018 was proposed this evening and voted on with a roll call. Masker, Berry, Jamieson, Eisenberg and Ferdinandi all voted Aye in favor of the resolution. The Treasurer was authorized to move money between accounts as follows:

Operating, Maintenance and Administration:			
Other Rentals or Leases	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
Utilities and Related Services	27,300	\$ 2,958	30,258
Chief Officer Expenses and Clerical Support	66,330	17,078	83,408
Professional Services	15,000		15,000
Insurance	102,035	6,920	108,955
Medical Examinations	15,200	(11,085)	4,115
Elections and Legal Advertisements	1,400		1,400
Incentive and Wet Down Programs	38,000	6,338	44,338
Education and Training	16,900		16,900
Office & Computer Supplies and Postage	6,800	(1,845)	4,955
Communication and Alarm Systems	11,900	2,626	14,526
Maintenance and Repair	161,100	(11,340)	149,760
Rehab Trailer	1,000		1,000
Miscellaneous Expense	1,250		1,250
New Building Research	11,650	(11,650)	

Truck Report:

- 615: Foam and heater being worked on.
- 614: No issues New LED upgrade has been completed.
- 613: No issues
- 611: Back in service No issues
- 612 is going back to Pearce for service

616: Emergency brake problem

619: No issues

It was suggested that we again consider putting 616 up for sale.

Insurance: We met with VFIS to discuss possible reductions in insurance.

Purchasing: An asphalt pad was purchased for the new structure on Rt 202. The structure is up and should be ready soon.

Radios: Jim is checking to see how much the County is charging each district for service to make sure we're in line with the others.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Joint Board Meeting: County radio issues were discussed.

Chief's Report: The Chief and his officers were unavailable. There was talk of a new incentive program-a pay per call due to so many more mutual aid calls. There has been a 25% increase in mutual aid recently. One proposal is to lower the percentage from 70% to 50 % and change to a quarterly payout. Some of the money could come from a reduction in the Chiefs budget. A one year trial was recommended to see how it worked out. A motion was made by Bob Jamieson and seconded by Lou Ferdinandi. All 5 voted to give the incentive a try.

Old Business: Jeff met with the Iron Works company regarding the new mezzanine at Powdermill. They are completing the upstairs renovation and have asked for an invoice for materials. Jeff attended an elections meeting at the county to discuss absentee ballots and the way we and the County are being asked to handle them in this upcoming election season. The county does not have all the answers as to how to account for the ballots and who is to pay for the processing. Anyone who requested an absentee ballot in 2016 is going to be getting one. They can opt out- . The county is looking at approximately 11,000 countywide for the year. For our election, we would need to supply the ballots but not the postage. We have to print provisional ballots in case someone showed up who through their ballot away before. It will take a week before we are likely to know the final results. The election will be held February 16th.

Hazmat testing at Tarn was completed and we don't expect any surprises. Jim met with Verizon and JCP&L. Both will repair and upgrade the utility pole from 30 ft to 45 ft and move them where they need to be. That work should be done by mid March. Power , electric and gas

to be turned off February 1st on the second property. Jim will call the town for the inspection of the new structure on Rt 202.

New Business: No new business. The meeting was closed at 9:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Eisenberg
Secretary